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# **Breaking News**

## **Annual Report Available**

The 2011 Annual Report highlights Department activities from January through December 2011, and includes Department program information and updates in the areas of:

- Improving Health Outcomes;
- Containing Health Care Costs;
- Improving the Long-Term Services and Supports Delivery System;
- Increasing the Number of Insured Coloradans; and
- Increasing Access to Health Care.

To access the 2011 Annual Report, please click here.

#### **ACC Payment Reform Initiative**

The Accountable Care Collaborative (ACC) payment reform initiative bill allows the Department to accept proposals for innovative payment reforms that will demonstrate new ways of paying for improved client health outcomes while reducing costs.

We have released three initial documents about the ACC payment reform initiative and invite Regional Care Collaborative Organizations (RCCOs) and their partners to submit abstracts. Abstracts will assist the Department in developing the proposal evaluation criteria.

Please click here to find a fact sheet, FAQ document and the invitation for abstracts link.

For more information please visit the ACC PRI web page.

# **Containing Health Care Costs**

### **CIVHC Announces Chief Medical Officer**

<u>CIVHC</u> announced that Jay Want, MD, is their Chief Medical Officer (CMO).

In his part-time role as CMO, Dr. Want is responsible for engaging providers and contributing to CIVHC's overall strategic direction to support achieving the Triple Aim of improving health, enhancing quality and curbing health care costs in Colorado.



"As a board-certified internal medicine physician and practicing primary care internist for ten years, I understand first-hand the challenges health care reform poses for practicing providers," said Want. "I believe providers need to lead the transformation to a more effective, efficient, and humane system for providers and patients alike, and I look forward to supporting and collaborating with my colleagues in my new position."

As the one organization dedicated to representing and connecting all of the stakeholders engaged in health care, CIVHC's role is to provide synergy and leadership. CIVHC is focused on improving value across the entirety of Colorado's health care sectors, both public and private, which distinguishes it from other health care-oriented organizations across the state.

If you would like more information, please read the <u>press release</u>.

# **Improving Health Outcomes**

# **Inaugural Aging & Disability Services Summit**

The departments of Health Care Policy and Financing, Human Services, and Public Health and Environment, and other state, local, and non-profit organizations, are pleased to announce Colorado's Inaugural Aging & Disability Services Summit: *Together, Forging a Path to the Top.* The event will be held **November 13 – 15, 2012** at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Colorado Springs, Colorado.

The purpose of this inaugural assembly is to offer high caliber training and professional development for both private and public sector health and human services professionals who provide services to older adults, vulnerable adults, and persons with disabilities. The overall objective of the event is to promote collaboration, innovation, education, skills, and leadership to enhance service delivery to these populations throughout Colorado.

The target audience will include: academicians, advocates, county and state agency staff, caregivers, consumers, family members, funders, health care professionals, advocates, service providers, law enforcement, legal community, professionals, researchers, and other interested parties in the field.

To register, please click here.

### **MMIS Reprocurement**

We are conducting a procurement process for the state's Medicaid Management and Information System (MMIS). Every state must have this system to pay claims and support providers by equipping them with eligibility information.

The Department has posted a DRAFT RFP (Request for Proposals) and many other documents for reference during the vendor review process. Click <u>here</u> for the draft RFP and other important documents.

The goal is to replace the legacy MMIS with a service delivery model that is both flexible and adaptable, will provide easy access to data and comprehensive reporting capabilities. We will seek fiscal agent services with the expectation of excellent customer service and improved operational automation for providers and the Department.

A Pre-RFP Vendor Conference is scheduled for September 18, 2012. You may register by sending your RSVP to the email address below. Written comments on the draft RFP are due by September 29, 2012.

RSVPs and questions may be sent to <a href="mailto:RFPQuestions@hcpf.state.co.us">RFPQuestions@hcpf.state.co.us</a>

### **Procurement for Behavioral Health Services**

The Department is beginning its process to rebid its behavioral health services for 2014.

A resource Web site is being developed to provide information about the existing program structure, possible new directions, and to gather input for use in development of the RFP.

Visit the <u>Behavioral Health Services Rebid Info</u> page for more information. Information will be posted throughout the rebidding process. The Department may not be able to use every idea in the new contracts, but all ideas will be reviewed and considered.

Please email ideas and any questions to BehavioralHealthServicesRebid@state.co.us.

# Colorado Health Institute (CHI) Tools

In acknowledgment of National Health Center Week, August 6-10, and Safety-Net Clinic week, August 20-24, CHI has published a series of new tools: Safety Net Primer, Safety Net Clinic map and the Safety Net Clinic Database.

Please click here to access the tools.

## **Hunger Free Colorado**

<u>Hunger Free Colorado</u> was launched in 2009 to ensure that every Coloradan has access to adequate, nutritious food. The organization offers an outreach program which provides training, tools and support to community partners in order to increase access to the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), formerly known as food stamps.

The SNAP Outreach program includes on-site application assistance by their staff; a train-the-trainer model where Hunger Free Colorado leads for partnering organizations and volunteers to provide on-site application assistance, and the <a href="https://hunger.free.html"><u>Hunger.free.html</u></a>—a free, bilingual "one-stop" resource that offers users geographically-based referrals to both public and private assistance programs throughout the state.

If you would like more information on SNAP Outreach, contact Amanda Garrard, Food Assistance Program Manager for Hunger Free Colorado, at <u>amanda@hungerfreecolorado.org</u>.

# **Improving the Long-Term Services and Supports Delivery System**

# **Dual Eligible Demonstration Project**

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) is focusing first on states with January 1, 2013 implementation dates for the Demonstrations to Integrate Care for Dual Eligible

Individuals. As a result, their work with Colorado and other states with later implementation dates is behind schedule.

CMS has extended its review of Colorado's proposal. Once the review is complete, we expect to receive formal questions and will have two to three weeks to prepare written responses. In the meantime, we continue to work on data, systems, and readiness.

To support the project's progress, Dual Eligible Advisory Subcommittee members were selected from the many nominations we received. We will post a roster on our <u>web page</u> after we receive confirmation from all participants. We expect the first subcommittee meeting to be in early September. Subcommittee meetings are open to all, and we will notify you in advance with complete details.

Please let us know if you have any questions. We appreciate your ongoing support of efforts to better integrate care for dual eligible individuals in Colorado.

If you would like more information, please contact <u>Teri Bolinger</u>.

# **Increasing the Number of Insured Coloradans**

# **Comprehensive Primary Care Initiative**

Colorado is one of seven state markets selected by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Innovation Center to participate in the <u>Comprehensive Primary Care Initiative (CPCI)</u>. The CPCI is focused on strengthening primary care and fostering collaboration between health care systems.

Seventy-two primary care practices in Colorado were selected to participate. To view a list of participating practices, please click <u>here</u>.

Given the alignment of the ACC Program and the CPCI's missions, we will implement this new primary care initiative through the existing ACC Program. The Department is asking all of the primary care practices that were selected for the CPCI to enroll in the ACC Program as Primary Care Medical Providers.

Beginning November 1, 2012, the Department will be identifying clients who have a history of seeing a CPCI provider and will take the necessary steps to enroll them in the ACC.

If you would like more information, please contact Kathryn Jantz.



# **Healthy Living Initiatives**

We have released Healthy Living tool kits which support primary care providers in addressing health promotion. The tool kits are located on the Department's Healthy Living web page.

The tool kits provide information on coding and reimbursement for screening, diagnosis, treatment and referral in the following areas:

- Addressing issues of overweight and obesity
  - Providers can bill for BMI screening and assessment as part of an expanded E&M visit
- Reducing tobacco use
  - Medicaid has a comprehensive tobacco cessation benefit, with 1:1 counseling during pregnancy
- Preventive oral health for children
  - o Providers can bill for preventive oral health services at well-child visits

- Recognizing depression in the primary care setting
  - Providers can bill for depression screenings for youth ages 11-20

If you would like more information, please contact Lisa Waugh.

## **Medical Services Board**

# **Call for Medical Services Board Applications**

The Medical Services Board and the Department are seeking individuals who are interested in becoming members of the Medical Services Board. The <u>Medical Services Board</u> is responsible for adopting regulations that govern the Department's programs. Members of the Board represent various areas of health care services.

Applications are submitted through the <u>Governor's Office of Boards and Commissions</u>. Anyone interested in applying is encouraged to contact <u>Judi Carey</u> for additional information.

Regular meetings of the Board are scheduled in Denver the second Friday of each month at 9:00 a.m., at 225 East 16<sup>th</sup> Avenue, 6<sup>th</sup> floor conference room. Board meetings are open to the public and testimony is welcomed. Contact information and member biographies are available at About the Board.

The next meeting is Friday, September 14, 2012. You can find the agenda and draft copies of proposed rules posted to the Department Web site one week prior to each meeting on the <u>Meeting Schedule</u> page. For those who can't attend meetings in person, a live audio broadcast of Board meetings is available on the <u>Live Broadcast</u> web page.

# **Public Rule Review Opportunities**

Partners who are interested in a one-on-one discussion with Department staff about upcoming rules are invited to attend the Department's Public Rule Review Meeting. Information is available on the <a href="Public Rule Review Meetings">Public Rule Review Meetings</a> web page. Reasonable accommodations for the meetings are provided upon request for persons with disabilities.

For more information or to be added to the Board email distribution list for updates on Board activities, please contact <u>Judi Carey</u>.

# **Employment Opportunities**

Applying for state government jobs is easy. Applications are electronic, you will receive updates, and you do not need to answer any written questions until it is determined that you meet the minimum qualifications. Check out the new Web site and our job openings.

The Department offers a competitive benefits package that includes the Public Employees' Retirement Account (PERA), a 401K or 457 retirement plan, health and dental insurance options, 10 holidays, and accrual of paid sick and vacation time.

The Department is a tobacco-free campus.

### **Enrollment**

In July 2012 there were 649,015 clients enrolled in Medicaid and 85,854 clients enrolled in CHP+. Monthly numbers for enrollment and expenditures can be found on the Department's <a href="Budget">Budget</a> Web page.



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